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MEOW, MEOW, MEOW, MEOW, MEOW, MEOW, MEOW...

MEOW, MEOW.

!

GOTCHA!

SWOOP!

HNNGH...

IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY HATES IT, THOUGH.

MEOW! YOU'RE SO CUTE!

THAT'S ONLY TO BEGIN WITH.

AIRII AND THE CAT

AND THEN I SAID I WANTED TO TAKE A PICTURE IN THE BATH AND-

OH! A CAT!

MEOW, MEOW!

Meow

WHAT?

ALL RIGHT, BUT PROMISE ME YOU WON'T GIVE HIM A NAME.

TAKE A PICTURE OF US, MICHIRU.

BECAUSE IF YOU DO, YOU'LL START GETTING ATTACHED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND THEN YOU'LL END UP CRYING.

I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH YOU ABOUT THAT LATER.

YOU KNOW ME REALLY WELL, MICHIRU.

HEHE. WELL, AREN'T YOU A FLUFFY CAT?

MEOW.

MEOOOW.

CUDDLE CUDDLE ♡

CUDDLE CUDDLE ♡

MEOOOW.
FEELS GOOD, RIGHT?
YOU'RE SO CAREFREE, AIRII.
Laid-back
MEOW!
RIGHT NOW, I'M AIRII THE CAT.
I'M JUST GETTING MY MOOD FROM THE CAT.
OH MY, IT'S BLOCK-ED!
I WON'T LET YOU GO THERE!
SLIDE

I JUST REALIZED THAT THIS GUY MIGHT BE THE REINCARNATION OF PON-CHAN, WHO I HAD WHEN I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN.

OH?

WAS PON-CHAN A CAT?

OH, LOOK AT THE CUTE BALLS HE'S GOT!

rub

rub

rub

DON'T TOUCH THEM!

SWOOSH...

PON-CHAN ALSO USED TO LET ME TOUCH HIS BALLS WITHOUT GETTING ANGRY, SEE?

NO, A SHIBA INU.

BUT... IT'S REALLY A NICE WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU GET ALONG OR NOT.

EHE HE HE♥

rub

rub

rub

DO YOU ALWAYS TOUCH THE BALLS OF DOGS AND CATS LIKE THAT?

THEN, THEN...!

CAN WE PLEASE BUY HIM SOME-THING TO EAT JUST THIS ONCE?

PLEASE?

WE'RE GOING BACK, RIGHT NOW!

HEY, C'MON!

OK...

WHAT...

IT'S GOTTEN COLD.

LET'S GO BACK.

SAY GOODBYE.

LOOK ...

BUT MICHIRU...

I FEEL REALLY BAD FOR MAKING HIM PLAY WITH ME SO MUCH...

DON'T YOU?

DON'T YOU FEEL BAD?

NO, WE CAN'T. HE'LL START FOLLOWING YOU!

AND FIX YOUR SKIRT, OK?

WE'RE LEAVING!

DRAG

WELL PLAYED, MISTER.

♪ Lalala~♪

WHAT TO PICK, WHAT TO PICK~

Mini canned cat food — 108 yen

THAT'S WHY I LOVE HER!

MICHIRU ALWAYS LETS ME DO WHAT I WANT IN THE END.

lalala~ ♫

BIP BIP BIP

HUH?

HUH? WHERE'S THE CAT?

OH.

I'M BACK!

RUN RUN RUN

WHAAAT?
HE WAS HERE JUST A SECOND AGO...
EVEN IF HE'S A STRAY CAT, I'M SURE HE'S GOT SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP.
HE PROBABLY WENT BACK HOME.
MEOW, MEOW, MEOW, MEOW!
Flutter
KITTY!
MEOW!
Flutter
MEOW!
SNIFF ...
Drip Drip...
AWWW, C'MON!
sob sob sob
WAAA

SNIFF
SNIFF
...
YEAH ...
THERE, THERE.
I UNDER-STAND. AND I'M SURE WE'LL MEET HIM AGAIN.
RIGHT?
SOB
SOB
SOB
I BOUGHT THE MOST DELICIOUS-LOOKING ONE...
I REALLY WANTED TO LET HIM EAT IT...
LET'S GO.
SEE YOU!
BYE-BYE, MISTER CAT!
SERIOUSLY?
I'LL KEEP THIS CAN WITH ME.
NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL GIVE IT TO HIM!

ONODA-SAN AND THE CAT

!

I FEEL LIKE IT MIGHT LET ME PET IT...

WHA ...?

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

Stare...

AND THEN ...

MEO-

DOES SHE NOT SEE THEM VERY OFTEN?

Cackle Cackle

SHE SAID 'MEOW'!

I REALLY WANT TO SPEAK TO IT, BUT I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO LOOK...

...

SWISH...

STRAIGHT TO IT!

OH, MY GOSH! IT'S A KITTY!

IT'S SUPER CUTE!

roll over

ARGH!

IT'S MINE!

WHAT THE HECK! OUR EYES MET FIRST!

WELL, IT SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE CUTE THINGS!

hush hush

IT WAS SO CUTE.

LET'S WAIT A LITTLE...

A BOTHERSOME GIRL

IF I WERE TO TOUCH IT NOW, IT WOULD FEEL LIKE I HAD BEEN STANDING IN LINE WAITING TO TOUCH IT. THAT WOULD BE TOO EMBARRASSING.

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